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- Sleep disorders
- Headache (*access issue*)

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- Neuromuscular disease
- Essential tremor
- Epilepsy
- Transverse myelitis
- Stroke

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Summary

The American Academy of Neurology supports proceeding with implementation of ICD-10-CM as a national classification system binding to all third party payers and with rules binding also to all payers. We request an adequate transition period during which we can train our members, and a means to challenge arbitrary computer “edits” which will inevitably occur in early implementation of the system.

